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WOMANSENSE

This Year's Sports And Holiday Wear

By JOAN ERSKINE



The 'Sloucher,' a Frederick Starke model worn by Barbara Goulding.

At least one dress house is determined that we shall relax in the summer. Frederick Starke produces a garment appropriately named the 'Sloucher' and describes it as a "loose garment for spectator or active sports." It is certainly loose, and reminds me of the shirts worn by American teen-agers and holiday-makers in Hawaii. You wear it with skirt, slacks or shorts.

The small stand-up collar is right at the top of the present fashion trend (and will keep the sun from the back of your neck). But the main beauty lies in the fabric—an original, Henry Moore design carried out by Ascher.

It takes the conservative British a long time to adopt new ideas. Save for a few hardened souls, the British public endeavours to make itself as unobtrusive as possible on a beach, but judging from the array of sports and holiday wear seen at recent shows, we shall look gay when the warmer weather arrives.

Man's-eye view of HATS THAT WOMEN BUY

LONDON THE hats that women wear are the subject of the latest facts-and-figures investigation. Results were announced by the Millinery Information Centre. This is what they have found.

Men are still the arbiters of women's fashions, and no new fashion can long survive if they disapprove. But men will not go into a hat shop to help choose a "creation"—not if they can help it.

FIGURES.—Percentage of women taking their menfolk into hat shops: Age 17-25, one; age 25-50, five; age over 50, four; average, three and a third.

"Nearly all men like their wives or girl friends to wear a hat," comments the survey, "but generally they prefer their womenfolk to appear elegant and becoming rather than extremely fashionable, and the male's conception of the most becoming hat for women is invariably a picture hat trimmed with roses."

The survey found that when buying a new hat about 80 per cent of all women under 50 are influenced by fashion, but the older women grows, the less swayed the fashion dictators have over her.

FIGURES.—Percentage of women who choose a hat according to the prevailing fashion: Age 17-25, 85; age 26-50, 75; age over 50, 40; average 66 2-3.

What of the hat parade in the provinces? In the South, Brighton is easily the best-hatted place outside the West End of London, according to the hat people's researches.

Longevity Record

HELSINKI.—Finland claims to have the oldest family of brothers and sisters in the world.

Mooses Pirttijarvi and his wife Emma had 13 children, all of whom are still alive. They are Rukka, 78, Antto, 77, Manda, 74, Eeva, 72, Emma, 71, Kall, 70, Janne, 68, Karolina, 66, Ida, 65, twins Mooses and Teemu, 60, Kaisa, 53 and Reino, 52—a total of 880 years.

Finland began searching for oldest families because of a claim by a Belgian family in Elzeval that with a total of 700 years, they were the oldest in the world.

Strapless Model

DORVILLE show a strapless ribbed sun-top in white wool, finely striped with navy-blue. A sweater—with a very new look! It is worn with brief linen shorts, and may not, of course, appeal to all. You can judge for yourself from the illustration.

On the whole, I do not think the pirates breeches will prove a great success. Spectator Sports showed a black pair with a swathed waist-band, but far more attractive were the "pedal pushers" worn with a hip-length flared-back flowered cotton jacket. These short trousers are very adaptable. They can be worn for hiking, lounging, cycling, and—if your dignity will permit—padding.

Once again, plain tailored grey flannel divided skirts have returned to favour. For striding about a golf course, and managing to look elegant at the same time, these skirts have no equal.

Laundering Pretty Neckwear

By ELEANOR ROSS

SNOWY white neckwear, colourful scarves and smart gloves all help to bring a touch of Spring into the wardrobe; that is, if such accessories are kept sparklingly bright.

An inch of detachable banding or a snowy gilet will tone up a dark dress quickly and smartly. Coming into the stores now is some neckwear which will make the collar-and-cuff girls happy. It is a good idea to have three sets of such neckwear so that freshening up a suit or frock is but a matter of minutes. With one set ready to be dipped into suds, the second can be basted or snapped on to the dress, leaving the third set for emergency or second choice.

Speed in washing neckwear is recommended. Laces, nylon, rayons, satins, silk, should not spend more time in water than is absolutely necessary. Soaking is therefore taboo, and to make up for this, use an abundance of heavy suds. They will extract more dirt in less time than any amount of soaking. Linen or cotton neckwear likes to be treated with hot sudsy water, and for white things, a bit of bluing is the final rinse is all to the good.

Lukewarm Suds

Squeezing large handfuls of lukewarm suds gently through your woollen gloves and scarves, rinsing them in tepid water with a teaspoon of glycerine in the last rinse to bring back the wool's soft fuzziness, will make your woollen dress accessories a pleasure to own.

Gloves should be measured before being put into the wash, pulled to their proper shape before drying. Or you may want to make things easy by using one of those wire glove frames. As for leather or fabric gloves, don't be afraid to massage suede or kid with cotton gloves right on your hand with plentiful thick suds. Because the seams of chamoles and doekins are apt to split, it is best to wash them off the hands. The first rinse should be slightly soapy, and the three succeeding rinses in clear, lukewarm water. Before gloves are completely dry, work them a little with your fingers to limber them up.



Dorville striped sun-top, worn by Christine Harwood.

New Invention Assures Safe Sleep For Baby

By MARGARET LAWRENCE

A simple but effective device that stops baby rolling around the bed while leaving his arms and legs free is proving a boon to Australian mothers.

Called "cosy rest," it is made of a strip of galley-printed webbing with a waist band and tape straps. It is placed across the mattress of baby's cot or bed, and tied firmly to the framework. Baby's arms are put through the arm-holes and the waistband hooked around him. He can move from side to side, and use his hands and feet, but cannot roll on to his face nor get too far under the blankets.

It sounds simple—doesn't it?—the sort of gadget that any mother with a restless baby might invent. But not every mother would see the business possibilities in her idea, nor be able to market it successfully.

The mother in this case is a young and attractive Melbourne woman, Mrs. Allan Miles. Her inspiration was Ian, now 3½, as lively a youngster as ever used a cot mattress for a springboard when his mother thought him sleeping. Humph! is his name for the "cosy rest," in which he has spent all his nights since graduating from the bassinet at the age of six months.

Mrs. Miles found the "cosy rest" of the greatest advantage when baby Elizabeth joined her brother in the nursery. By the time Elizabeth was old enough for the cot, Ian could

Average Girl Needs Make-up



Most girls look better with a light application of rouge, says Movie Star Patricia Neal.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE desire of a woman to enhance her charms is instinctive. The art of make-up was employed by women of every civilisation. So when you ply the ruby lipstick and put on the synthetic blush, don't fancy that you are going modern in a big way.

Complexion aids give young ladies an air of sophistication, a quality that seems greatly sought after, and on the older woman have a marvellously rejuvenating action. For which we should be grateful to cosmetic chemists. Natural beauty is all very well, but how many of us were born with it?

The girls have learned to soft pedal on the complexion highlights during the daytime, but they know that they can go the limit when the lights are on and the merry evening is going strong. Lipstick colouring can be a bit more vivid. One can

play with eye shadows, a fascinating pastime if ever there was one. You can use a little more rouge, too.

There is a new idea in make-up. It is the cherry and gold combination. Powder is a deep ivory with a golden cast. Lovely on the brunette and the red-head. Rouge and lipstick are of cherry. This new theory offering is a rich crimson, like a cherry that is fully ripe. After these are applied on has play-ful moments with golden eye shadows. They have an oily base, give the shutters of the soul windows a shining surface. If you would be too utterly lovely and mysterious you can use the gold shadows on your lashes. It takes a woman with plenty of dash to add this last touch, but it is being done.

Of course, the run-of-the-mill girl will keep to conservative effects. But she likes to hear about what is going on.

Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Baby Should Feel Safe And Comfortable While He Eats

IN feeding youngsters, next to providing the right food the most important thing is to make the child feel comfortable, happy and safe when he eats.

A high chair that can't tip over is essential for very young children. After that comes the low chair and nursery table stake. The five-year-old is big enough to start eating with the family; and that's when the pile of books is brought out. But there's a way out. Look up an inexpensive new chair-seat that can be fastened to a regular dining chair without marring the surface. It will keep the youngster safely and comfortably at table height, and prevent much wriggling. Eating will become enjoyable and easy.

Small Utensils

That is, it will be easy if the eating utensils are small enough to be handled, and if the food is served in dishes deep enough so it can be pushed against the edge to fill the spoon or fork. The knife and fork should be short-handled so the leverage will be comfortable.

As to the food itself: Would you enjoy eating food jumbled together on the plate? Neither does your child. Prepare the potato, the vegetable, cut the meat in small pieces and put them on the plate. But don't mix them together for a child old enough to eat. This should be done only for children eating in high chairs.

Drinking Milk

As to that battle about drinking milk, it doesn't matter how the milk is served, provided the child gets the required amount each day. So cook the cereal in milk, provide cream soups, creamed vegetables, junket and custard desserts. Why have a struggling three times a day over drinking milk, when he can have it just as well by eating it? And keep in mind that small hands can handle only small glasses.

A word about table manners: Remember, example is the best teacher. And above all, no irritating no-answers, no nagging, no scolding while eating a meal—and that goes for Mum, Dad and Daddy as well as for the children. Digestion is helped by a smile, not a scowl. So don't try to train a child in table manners when he is actually eating a meal. Instead "play" table manners with him at some other time, using just a little food for reality. Make ridiculous mistakes when you eat, so he'll laugh at you. Then you can laugh at his mistakes. At table, smile his good manners and you'll be surprised at the happy result.

Potato Souffle

Combine 1 pt. fluffy hot mashed or whipped white potato and 3 tbsp. melted butter or margarine, ¼ c. hot milk and salt and pepper to taste. Separate 2 eggs. Beat the whites stiff and the yolks creamy. Add the yolks to the potato. Fold in the whites and turn into an oiled, shallow 9-inch baking dish. Set in a pan of hot water and bake about 30 min. or until firm and puffy in a moderate oven, 375 F.

Beets Vinaigrette

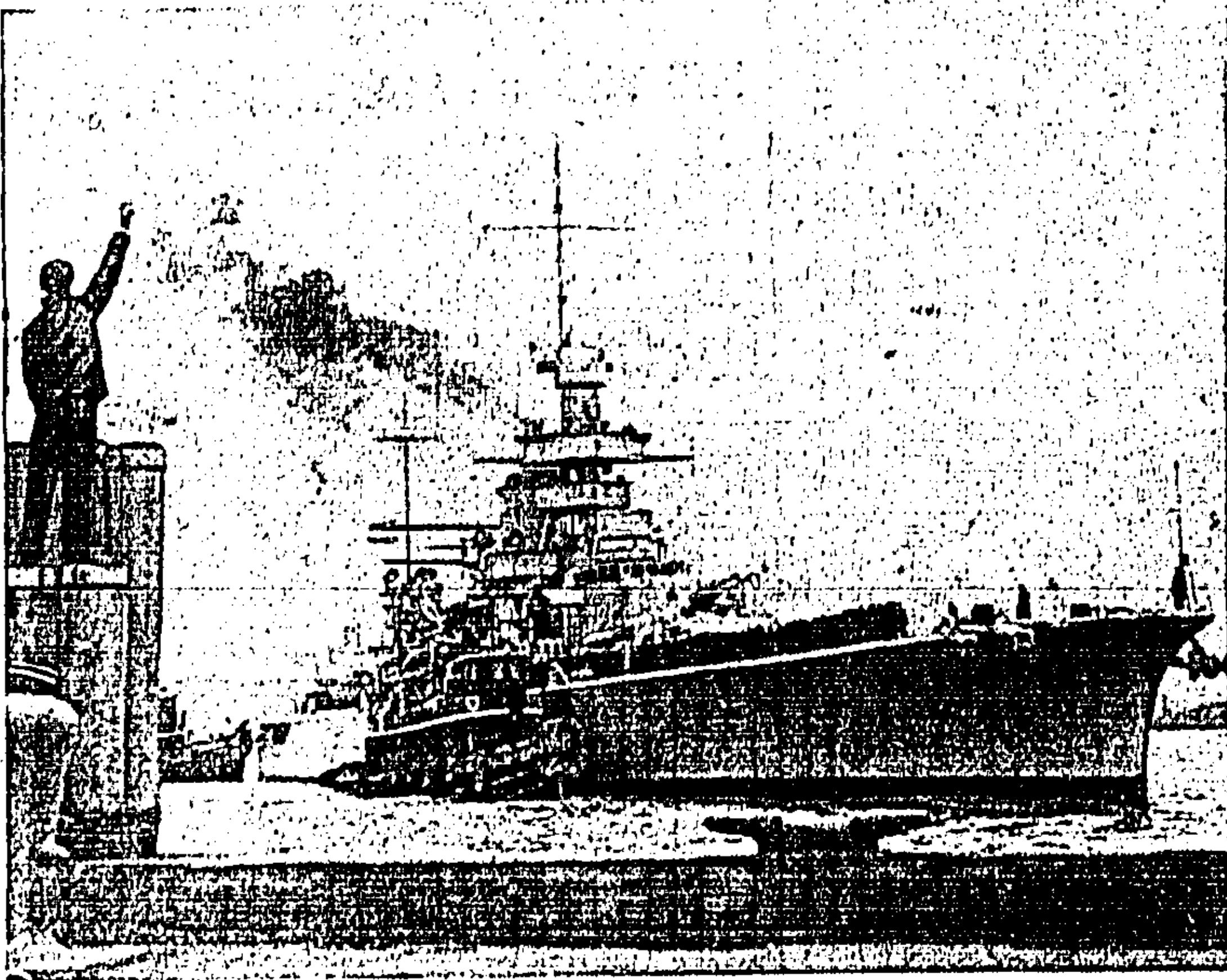
For this use 3 c. hot, sliced cooked or tinned beets. Add vinaigrette dressing; cover and let stand to become very hot. In Vinaigrette Dressing: Stir together ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. paprika, ¼ tsp. onion juice, 4 tbsp. mild vinegar, 3 tbsp. salad oil, 1 tsp. minced parsley and ½ tsp. white pepper.

Date Cup Cakes

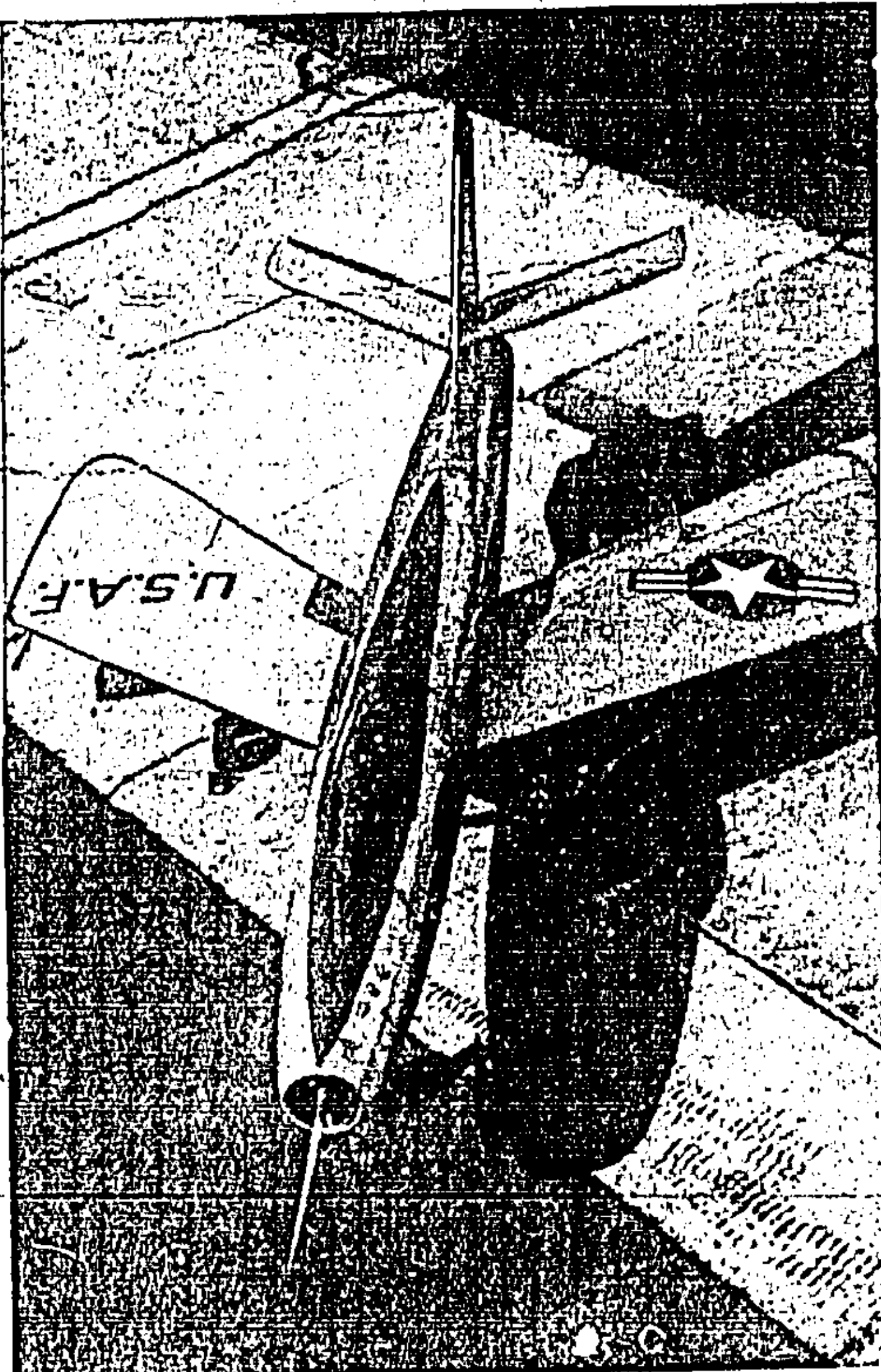
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Into a 2-qt. mixing bowl put ¼ c. softened (but not melted) butter or margarine, ¼ c. light brown sugar, 2 eggs, ¼ c. milk, 1 c. shredded dates, ¼ c. raisins, 1½ c. cake flour, 3 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. nutmeg and ¼ tsp. clove. Mix and beat thoroughly, about 60 strokes. Transfer to oiled cup-cake pans. Dust with a little granulated sugar and bake 25 to 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. Serve warm with lemon sauce as a pudding, or cold as cup cakes. Makes 1 doz. good sized cup cakes.

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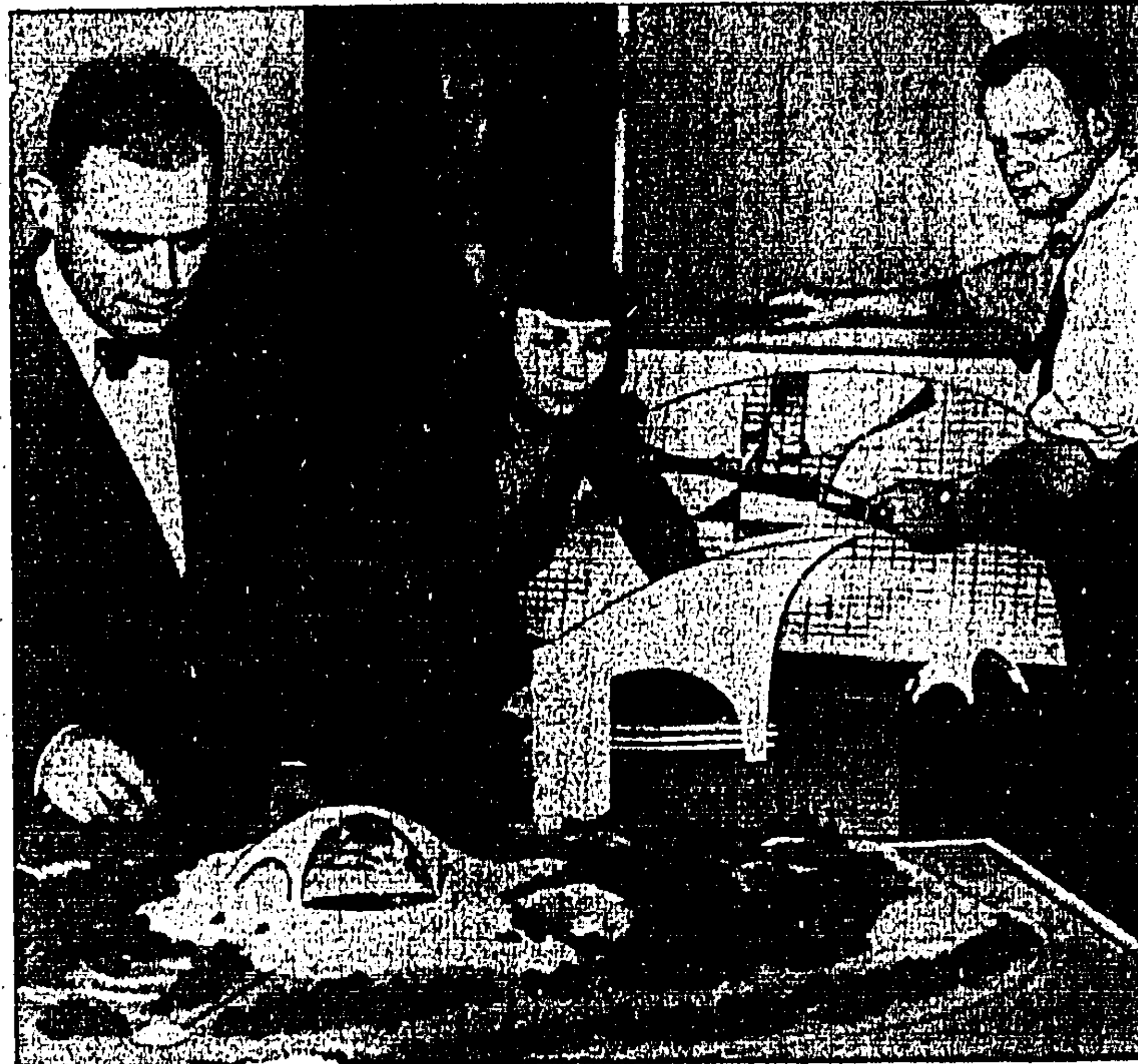
REPAYING A VISIT—Arriving in New York harbour, this heavy Argentine cruiser, the Almirante Brown, receives greetings as it prepares to tie up. Repaying a visit to Buenos Aires by several units of the U.S. fleet, the ship's commander, Capt. Carlos H. Garzon, will make official calls.



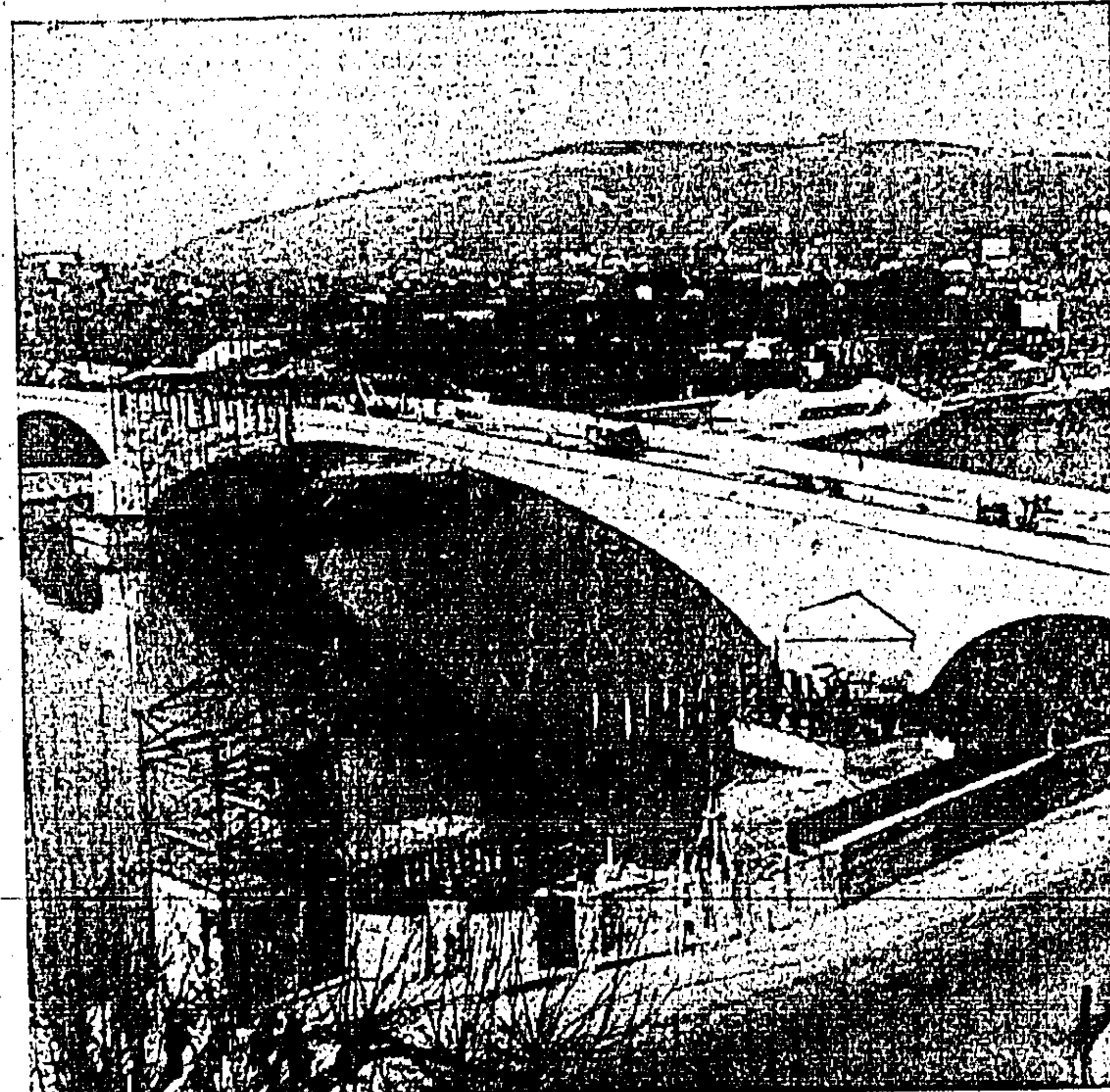
JET POWERED—The new United States Air Force high altitude interceptor fighter. Powered by a turbo-jet engine, its rocket motors accelerate take-off, climbing and operating in high altitudes. The speed and armament are still secret.



MEET MISS JONES—Here she is, O'Hara Jones, winner of the "Miss Brevity" contest in Miami Beach, Florida. She's displaying what's left of the bathing suit these days. There's a little cloth—and a lot of O'Hara.



IN THEORY—Students of architecture, painting and sculpture at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, collaborate to give a new look to the old problem of designing buildings. Shown above is a theoretical model for UNESCO.



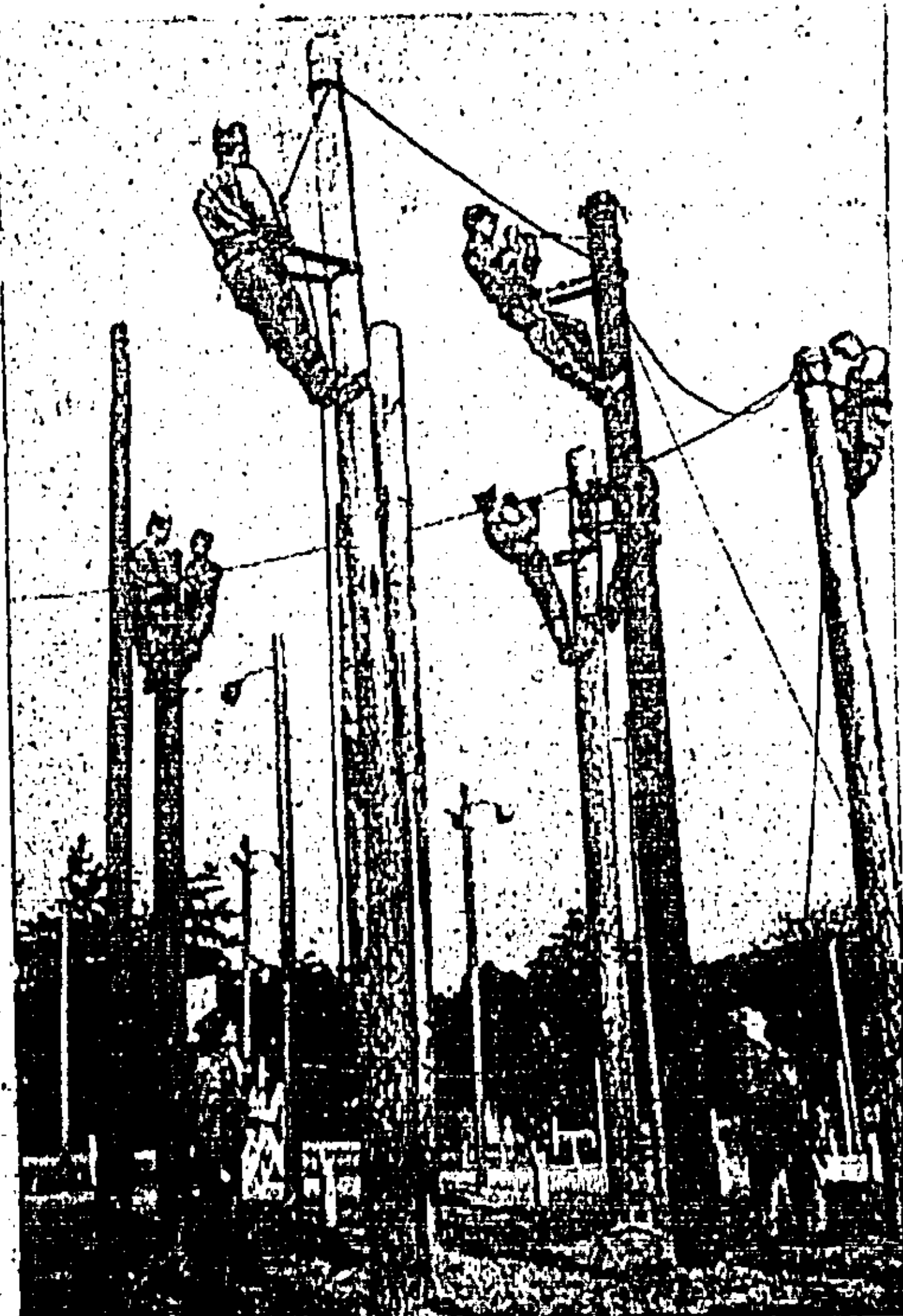
BRIDGE WORK—This new bridge, nearing completion at Vienne, France, will be opened on June 21 by the French President, Vincent Auriol. The bridge is about 700 feet long in all, and the largest arch alone is 350 feet in length.



SNOW AMBULANCE—Pfc. Lawrence E. Hardwick, of the U.S. Army, is using his vehicle in Crawford, Nebraska, for rescue work. Several people have been taken from their snowbound homes to the local hospital in this makeshift ambulance.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER—Posing for their portrait in London, these miniature papillons are Diana of Luvic and her seven-month-old daughter, Dream of Luvic. The puppy is attached to its mother so it can't get lost while out walking.



READYING COMMUNICATIONS—Men of the U.S. 58th Signal Battalion get line training in Kyoto, Japan, from instructors on the ground. After service in Australia and New Guinea, the 58th now operates communications for the U.S. First Corps in Japan.



NEW INDUSTRY—Russia is now entering the fur-producing business. These wooden shelters house the fur-breeding animals which have made the industry a successful enterprise in the Soviet state. Although a new industry, Russia boasts fur animal breeding farms in 300 areas.

JOAN BLONDELL,

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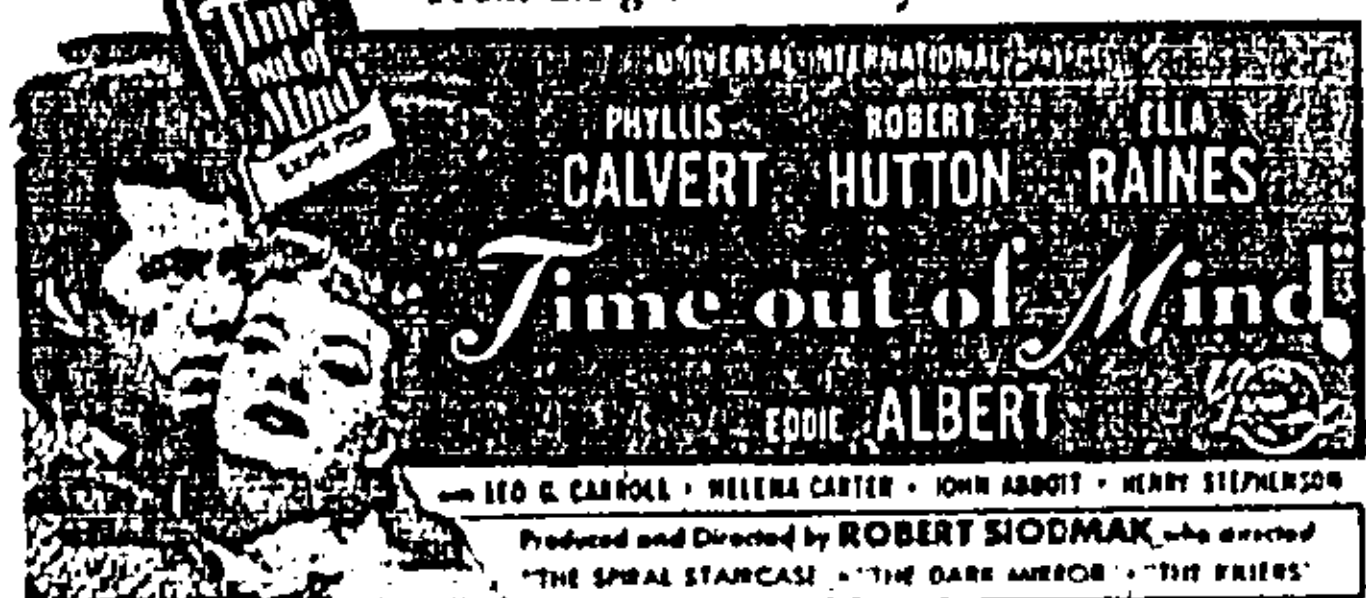
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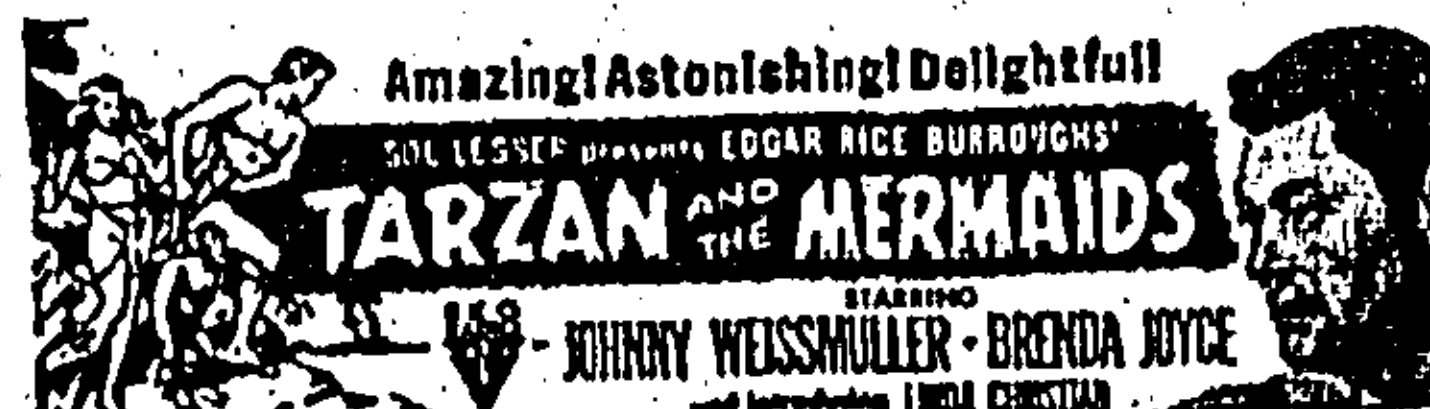
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FREDA UTLEY'S STORY OF HER LIFE.....SECOND INSTALMENT

I TRAVELLED to Moscow with Ivan Maisky and J. W. Brown, secretary of the most militant trade union in England, the Clerical Association, made up of office workers in Government service. Maisky, then Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy, later became Ambassador to England.

Visitors to the Soviet Union in those days were rare. Only invited delegates from trade unions and Labour parties got the chance to travel over Russia. There was no tourist, organised later as a propaganda and money-making service to bring visitors to Russia.

I was surrounded by kindness, hospitality and good fellowship. The market place of Moscow and other towns were filled with vegetables, dairy produce, milk and other foods. New apartment houses and office buildings were being built.

There was no lining up for bread and other foods at the state and co-operative shops, and one could buy delicious pastries for only five kopeks.

As early as 1924—the "Scissors Crisis" (the disproportion between the price of manufactured goods and agricultural produce) had split the Central Committee of the Bolsheviks into left and right factions.

Joined The Party

WITH Bucharin, Tomsy and the others on the right, Stalin had overcome Trotsky and was soon to exile him and the left opposition. Once rid of the Trotskyists, Stalin, in 1929, wiped out the right opposition and embarked upon an ultra-left policy of forced collectivisation and intensive industrialisation.

The USSR became a country of starved peasants and undernourished workers, cowed and whipped by fierce punishments to toil endlessly for a state which could not provide them even with enough to eat.

I saw the USSR during the prosperity between 1924 and 1928.

In September 1927 I returned to England full of

enthusiasm and prepared to tell the world of the wonders of the Russian socialist fatherland. I joined the Communist Party, and addressed meetings all over England.

Arcadi Berdichevsky, who became my husband in 1928, was a Russian Jew, who had studied at Zurich University and emigrated to the United States in 1914. In 1920 he had quit a good job in New York to work for the Soviet Government in London. He had been a member of the Bund, the Jewish Social Democratic party in Russian Poland, where he had once lived.

He was a sincere Socialist and believed as I did that a new and better world was being created in Russia.

Off To Moscow

ARCADI had been asked to join the Party, but felt that as he had played no part in the Revolution, he could not join now that the fighting was over.

Arcadi had a wife and a young son in New York. He had married the daughter of a well-to-do Jewish family of Russian extraction. They had become estranged when he gave up an income of \$600 a month in the United States to work at Arcos for \$150.

By the time I knew him, Arcadi's monthly salary had been increased to \$500. But his wife, Anna Abramovna, had neither understanding nor sympathy for his political views.

Arcadi and I knew that we loved each other after only a few meetings, but his separation from Anna Abramovna was a long and painful business. They were divorced when I finally went to Moscow.

In September 1927, Arcadi was suddenly told by the British Home Office that he must leave England at once.

I was very much in love, but I never for a moment

thought of giving up my work in England to go with him to Berlin, where he was stationed for the next nine months.

In February 1928, I was campaigning as the Communist Party's candidate in the London County Council elections, and was speaking to indoor meetings or at street corners every afternoon and evening. Meanwhile, I was earning a good living.

My fellowship ended in June 1928; Arcadi was in Russia but expecting to be sent to Japan, so I joined him in Moscow. Japan was the one country I particularly wished to visit, since my research work at the London School of Economics had concerned Eastern competition with the Lancashire cotton industry.

This time no smiling delegation met me at the Moscow station, and no luxurious quarters at the New Moscow Hotel awaited me. Arcadi took me to a tiny room, with a single bed, a chest of drawers and two straight chairs. We did not even have a table, and I used to cook and iron and write on the window sill.

Comintern Congress

ARCADI'S salary was 800 roubles a month. We just managed to live. Cigarettes were our greatest extravagance and difficulty. At the end of the month I used to cart bottles out to sell, or rake through our pockets for forgotten kopeks, to raise the price of a meal. We were very happy.

I attended the sixth Congress of the Comintern as a translator, listened to Bucharin from the visitors' gallery, and saw Michael Borodin, back from China, already disgraced but still a romantic figure. I thrilled at the sight of Comintern delegates from every corner of the globe, assembled in the socialist capital.

At last, after the OGPU had fully satisfied itself concerning my husband, he

obtained his passport to go to Japan for the Commissariat of Foreign Trade. We left early in October, with signs of coming hardships already visible in Moscow.

For weeks I spent more and more time chasing after food supplies. Peasants were refusing to sell their produce in return for money which could not buy them the clothing and other manufactured goods they required. Russia was on the eve of the Calvary of forced collectivisation.

Secret Papers

WE started from Moscow to Siberia in a compartment for two. The Russian railways do not separate men and women in sleeping cars.

Madame Anikeeva, wife of the Soviet Trade Representative in Japan, on the same train, objected to sharing her compartment with a strange man. We reluctantly agreed to let Anikeeva share the humbler compartment with me while Arcadi removed himself to the Pullman.

My greatest problem was to hide from Anikeeva the fact that the Comintern in Moscow had entrusted me with secret papers to take to China, and to invent a convincing story to explain why I was going to leave the train at Chita, in Siberia, to travel later to China alone, instead of directly to Japan. I managed it somehow.

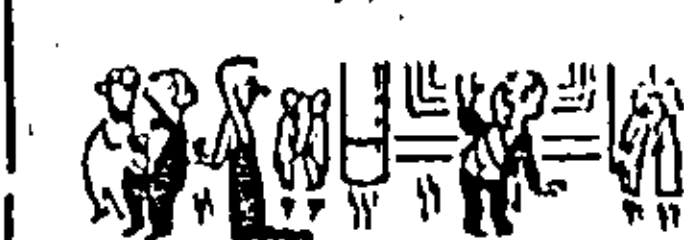
A Triple Life

ALL I remember of Chita is the intense cold, and the memorials of the Decembrists, the 150 exiled revolutionaries of 1825 who had dreamed of liberty, equality and fraternity under the Iron Tsar, Nicholas I.

Only later was it to be borne in on me how mild had been the tyranny of the Tsars compared to that of Stalin. All those revolutionaries whose lives were spared and were allowed to live in Siberia with their families were in exile, it is

William Hickey

HIS THEME: MANNERS BY ORDER



have a common theme: Good Manners.

FOR the world's regular headline-hoggers it has been a period of comparatively quiet business.

Here in London at any rate their place on the lips of the people has been largely occupied by a girl from Greece, two energetic young men in Hamersmith, and a hitherto fairly obscure member of the Foreign Office by the name of MARCUS CHEKE. And all these people's affairs

For how to do you assess the verdict in LANA KREMEZ'S breach of promise action? An damages against the man for breaking a young girl's heart? More likely a £10,500 lesson in Good Manners.

What shocked the British people about this case was not so much that a Greek girl had lost an English husband. It was the rudeness that went with losing him.

When LIEUT. COMMANDER RIDGEWAY omitted to tell Miss Kremetz that everything was over he committed a misdemeanour the English do not readily forgive. He was plainly and simply rude.

"You can beat your wife, you can go bankrupt, you can run a bucket shop," said Henry James, "and the English will still like you. But to bring the wrath of the populace on your head—be impolite."

Mr. ESMANUEL SHINWELL found that out when he said the middle class didn't matter a tinker's cuss. It was not merely a silly remark—but a rude one.

Out from Transport House went a message from MORRIS PHILLIPS: "No more rudeness of this kind, please; it is losing us votes."

MAYBE you have seen the result in the Hamersmith by-election tussle. Both candidates delivered their share of sharp language in a more than usually robust election. But oh, how polite and good humoured they were to each other personally!

A has found B "a decent fellow." B discovers A to be "a well-meaning chap"—and all done without any little guide books sent out from the head office on the model of the one discovered in Washington to be circulating among Britain's junior diplomats.

AN energetic social historian might very profitably (profitably if he succeeds) try to secure more details of this extraordinary document from that delicately polite ornament of the Foreign Office, Mr. Marcus Cheke—who himself should also try to find time one of these days to sit for Mr. OSBERT LANCASTER.

Can it be that these diplomats' manners are really so bad that they now have to be told how to behave at an embassy party?

Doesn't the callowest Third Secretary know that he should 'contact his hostess at least once during an evening party'?

Or does he have to be told... in a foreign house the host will not offer his guests the opportunity to retire. He should simply stroll through the drawing room, ask a servant to show him the cloakroom.

And before Mr. Cheke's book came out? Did he put up his hand and say, "Please, may I leave the room?"

AND what precisely would have been the Foreign Office Emily Post department's answer to a case which not so long ago cropped up in a British film studio?

There on the wall someone had chalked up "Richard Norton is a chump."

There standing in front of it was the man in question, a man known in the film industry as one of the most persistent fighters for better British pictures.

What did he do? Did he follow the example of Alexander Cruden, author of Cruden's Concordance of the Bible, who used to walk for miles each day around London with a damp cloth in his hand sponging from the walls the slogans of his political enemy, John Wilkes?

Far from it. Instead, he picked up a piece of chalk, crossed out "Richard Norton," and wrote "Lord Granville"—the title he inherited in 1943.

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NANCY Fizzy Business



By Ernie Bushmiller



Defence Counsel Begins Closing Address

PWD LARCENY TRIAL ENTERS TWELFTH DAY

The PWD larceny trial entered its twelfth day at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Mr A. J. Clifford, who is defending Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I, began his closing address before Mr Justice Williams and the jury.

Charged with May is Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman. They are both accused of three counts of theft by public servant and three of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government of money.

Kwok is not legally represented. The prosecution is conducted by Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, A.S.P.

Before Mr Clifford began his final speech for the defence, Mr C. H. Thomas, Deputy Director of Medical Services, who was a witness for the prosecution, was recalled at the request of the defence.

His Lordship: Dr Thomas, I have asked you to come here to clear up a certain point. The point I want you to clear is where reference was made about Government workmen doing the job at Pokfulam in their spare time.

Dr Thomas: I have no recollection of hearing any conversation at the house between Mr May and Kwok Kwong about Government workmen doing the work. May brought up the matter when we were walking up the road and just about to leave the place. May spoke to me—I don't know how far Kwok was away from us then—about something to this effect: that Government workmen—I presumed them to be the workmen—might be willing if asked to do the work that I was wanting to be done in their spare time or on holidays.

His Lordship: Did you say anything about that? Did you make any remarks?

Dr Thomas: You will remember that I said that I was puzzled and was wondering how that could be done. May mentioned that it was quite all right if the men were working in their spare time. We were talking together. As I have said that idea did not appeal to me because—oh, there is this that I want to say—in connection with that, if such a plan succeeded I should have to pay the workmen individually and would have to buy or pay for materials as they were bought. Such a plan did not appeal to me because I could not visualise such a protracted job. So I did not pursue the matter. I did not make any suggestive suggestion. As I said before, if it were put to me if I wanted the job done, definitely, I would have decided no. It has weighed heavily on my mind that I did not emphasise that. It distressed me very much. It even caused me some misunderstanding on this point. I am truly deeply distressed.

His Lordship: Thank you, Dr Thomas. I think you have given us the fullest recollection of what happened.

Called by the defence, J. A. Bendall, Senior Accountant of the PWD, testified to a survey he made, on instructions, in September 1948 on the accounts just and book-keeping system in the PWD. He read an appendix to the report to the Director of Public Works which stated that in the electrical department there was a high standard and efficiently organised and this was a fact considered worthy of bringing to his special notice. The system devised was a check on all operations. Inventories were up to date except in reference to electrical stores in other departments. There was a highly satisfactory state of affairs in view of the unusual conditions under which it had been obtained.

Replying to Mr Hooton, Bendall said that the report concerned the Wanchai branch. He did not investigate at Hwang hom workshop. He had checked the system of forms used at Wanchai.

When asked by the Foreman of the Jury whether he had seen the written instructions to the electrical workshop, witness replied in the negative. They had never come through to him as senior accountant for approval. It might have come up during his absence on Home leave. He was primarily concerned with the head office and each section of the PWD had its own system.

Foreman: As a qualified man can you say whether or not you would have passed this system in its entirety?

Witness: I have not seen it. The system that you saw, would it be a system that could be operated at all times without any supervision?—No system in the world can be operated without supervision.

CRIMINAL CHARGE
Opening his speech for the defence at 10.30, Mr Clifford said that they were now dealing

with a criminal charge; and not a departmental inquiry. The jury had to decide whether May committed the criminal offences, not whether, in their opinion, he might have found out something, had he done something different.

In his submission, said Counsel, May had behaved logically throughout. "Did he deliberately steal PWD property? Did he deliberately and intentionally falsify accounts? Those are the questions before you," said Mr Clifford.

He went on to say that it was very easy for a person, having been caught red-handed, to say that so-and-so told him to do it. There was no witness in the world to prove his case and it was his word against the other man only. That was what Kwok Kwong was saying.

If that really was the issue would there not be something after all the enquiries of the Police that some person would mention May, but throughout the whole of the evidence of all the workmen May was never once mentioned. It was not even alleged that money was passed to May.

The second point he asked the jury to consider was whether a person would deliberately set a trap for himself. May had renewed and revived the system at Wanchai and was always trying to get the system tighter and tighter. He tried to get the suspense account which would have made a complete check and dispensed with the double accounting system.

Would it not be a net in which he was to be caught? asked Counsel. If May were doing what was alleged intentionally would he have left a written record of everything?

If he was, as the prosecution was saying, deliberately taking men from Tokawan Market to do other jobs, would he have left an official diary saying that in that period he had visited the market twice. The very record showed that there was in fact no guilt in May's mind.

STATEMENT UNTRUE
Referring to Kwok's "many transactions," Mr Clifford recalled his statement to the jury which he had read out to the jury which Kwok admitted that he had made to the Police. Kwok now said that certain portions were not true, and Mr Clifford added, "You members of the jury, will say to yourselves, if they were not true, why did he tell the Police in such clear language that they were true?"

Mr Clifford then read portions of the statement, to refresh the jury's memory, and pointed to instances where Kwok had deceived Europeans in the office and May. He contended that when Kwok was caught red-handed he carried out a plan that he never did any private contracting and when he was caught a second time Kwok had said that he did the work because he was told by May. "What evidence was that?" he asked.

The next point of interest was in the Lowbridge, Shackleton & Co. instance, because there was, Mr Clifford said, a false receipt and it was for \$70. If the jury accepted the story of Kwok Kwong he and Ho Sung were going to collect this money for May for not having done any work at all. Did Kwok strike the jury as being as philanthropic as all that? asked Counsel.

Mr Clifford reminded the jury that Kwok had already been convicted of three lots of thefts and submitted that the present thefts were just another two on his list.

Speaking of the count dealing with Lowbridge, Shackleton & Co., Mr Clifford declared it to be most improbable that a man of May's position would stoop to allow his brother-in-law to be charged \$70 for Government property which was taken free. May's enquiry of whether Mr Holtmeyer had a bill for the lights, before he knew of Police investigations in that direction was significant of his innocence.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE
Mr Clifford alleged that there was a conspiracy among the office staff at Hwanghom to deceive May. Not only did Ho Sung, brother-in-law of Kwok, go away, but so did the time-keeper at Wanchai office; while Kwok Hop, who was sent to collect money from Mr Holtmeyer, was also a relative of Kwok Kwong. The workmen

Boy Imprisoned In Own Home For Years

Boston, Mar. 14.—The strange story of a 14-year-old boy, who was kept a virtual prisoner in his home most of his life because he was allegedly illegitimate, was disclosed today by the police.

The authorities, who talked to Gerald Sullivan at the police station, told this story.

Until today he did not know whether he was a boy or a girl. He cannot read or write. His mother kept him locked in a room most of the time. His meals were brought to him in the room. He has never had a cat or a dog. He never had a light in his room at night. He told the time of year by the state of a tree outside his window. He had never heard of baseball.

IN GIRL'S CLOTHES
The police first found the boy when he escaped from home yesterday, barefoot and clad in a girl's torn clothing.

They subsequently arrested his mother, Mrs. Anna Frances Sullivan, 42, widow, and mother of three other children.

The police captain said she acknowledged the boy was her son and she had kept him locked up because he was illegitimate.

In court she was arraigned on a charge of neglect of a minor and held in US\$1,000 bail for hearing on Wednesday.

The boy was taken to another home. Someone asked him if he loved his mother and he said: "I don't love her. She was very bad to me."—United Press.

also knew, for Kwok had promised them extra pay presumably to come out of the money he was carrying out private contracts.

The evidence of the attempt to deceive May by altering a lorry log sheet was proof of this conspiracy and if the jury accepted this, it was an acquittal because no one would attempt to deceive a co-conspirator.

Mr Clifford submitted that Kwok's version of the circumstances of the Heintmeyer job was completely false and that May's evidence on that point was true. It was sensible to get a Chinese person to buy things from shops, because they got them cheaper.

Mr Clifford said he agreed with Crown Counsel's opening speech that there was a similarity between the Heintmeyer case and Dr Thomas' case. He did not agree, however, that this was a point against May. Dr Thomas would not have paid the money for the production of a contractor's bill, and Kwok who had had practice in getting false bills from the Cheong Hing Co., would have got another one for Dr Thomas.

The evidence of both Dr and Mr Thomas, to a great extent, supported May's evidence and showed that it was May's intention that either a contractor or Government men in their spare time should do the work. May went there to do a service for a friend, to see which way the most economical lay-out. It was not preposterous that Government men would do the work in their spare time. All over the Colony men were working day and night and some doing double jobs.

COUNSEL'S WARNING

"The prosecution has asked you to infer guilt from the forms which have been signed. That is circumstantial evidence about which you have to be very careful," warned Mr Clifford, adding "His Lordship has said that he himself has signed an inventory without checking every item."

Mr Justice Williams: "That is in a particular instance. I do not sign all inventories without checking. I hope the jury won't go away with that idea. It was a private contract and nothing to do with public duty."

Mr Clifford went on to submit that it was virtually impossible for a person to check everything before signing. Unless one had a very large and efficient supervising staff, one could not guarantee that everything was working smoothly and properly as laid out. It was unfair to expect this of May. May was trying, in between his ordinary jobs, to check things bit by bit and put them right. He was doing his best to put things in order and there was evidence of this. He had not yet got round to everything, nor had he succeeded in getting his inadequately-trained and under-paid staff going. "I submit that a great deal of the blame falls on the head of the Government for getting people to do responsible jobs involving large sums on the pay of clerical staff," said Mr Clifford, adding that until May found out it was wrong, he had the right to assume the system he had a right was going on and that his last-willions were being carried out.

With regard to the falsification of documents, it was clear that it was not of May's doing said Mr Clifford. The case is proceeding.

Romance In Legislature



Prosaic law-making gave way to cupid's business on the floor of the Idaho house of representatives. Rep. E.A. Snow of Council, Idaho, proposed publicly to Rep. Edith Miller of Boise and was accepted—after brief consideration. Both are Republicans. They are shown in a Boise office.—AP Picture.

Special Session Of W. Union Council Opens

(By Sylvain Mangeot, Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

London, Mar. 14.—The Foreign Ministers, together with the Defence and Finance Ministers, of the five Western Union powers, opening a two-day special session of the Union's Consultative Council here today, were believed to have discussed the Atlantic Pact and related defence matters.

Observers thought that among the matters discussed was the procedure and timing for participation in the Atlantic Alliance of Norway, Denmark, Italy, Iceland and Portugal.

The consideration of defence estimates was expected to take up some time on both days of the session. Questions on the proposed Council of Europe will come up tomorrow.

The United States, it was understood, will be kept closely informed of the discussions through Mr Lewis Douglas, the United States Ambassador in London, and General Marshall S. Carter, today as Special Assistant to Mr Douglas for the "development and coordination of the military assistance programmes."

The two-day extraordinary session opened at Lancaster House today—with an agenda covering:

- 1.—Atlantic Union.
- 2.—The Council of Europe.
- 3.—The report of the Secretary-General of the Western Union on defence.
- 4.—The report of the social and cultural aspects of the Western Union.

Following a precedent established at previous Consultative

OUTWARD MAILS

With effect from March 1, 1949, correspondence intended to be forwarded by Air to London only and then by surface mail to destination, must be submitted to "City Air" London, only. It will not be sufficient to merely place such correspondence "via London."

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TUESDAY, MARCH 15
Closing Times by Air:
Swatow, Amoy, Ningbo, Tsingtao and Hainan, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 p.m.
Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu, USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples & Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Dacca, Alexandria (Nairobi, Johannesburg & Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea:
Ceylon, India, Madagascar, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London, 1 p.m. (reg); 2.30 p.m. (reg); 3 p.m. (ord).
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.
Manila and Marseilles, 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16
Closing Times by Air:
Swatow, Amoy, 3.30 a.m. (reg); 4 a.m. (ord).
Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Manila, 12.30 p.m.
Canton, Ningbo, Tsingtao, Swatow, Amoy, Tainan and Poonoon, 3.30 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea:
Bangkok, 10 a.m.
Hainan, Peking via Hainan and Swatow, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Japan, 5 p.m.

US Coal "Holiday" Begins

Pittsburgh, Mar. 14.—John L. Lewis' 425,000 miners closed all coal mines east of the Mississippi River today by the simple procedure of staying at home.

While the miners obediently heeded their two-week holiday with no picketing or demonstrations, huge stockpiles of coal enabled the steel mills to continue their record-breaking production.

The American Iron and Steel Institute said the steel industry would reach an operating rate of 102 percent of theoretical capacity this week. If so, it would mark the ninth consecutive week American steelmakers have produced at 100 percent or better.

At the beginning of the walk-out, the national coal stockpile was 67,500,000 tons, the biggest since the start of the war, but the two-week holiday or pre-test is expected to cost 24,000,000 tons of coal, or about one-third of the amount on hand.

Harder hit by the walk-out after the miners by themselves—who stand to lose an estimated £17,000,000 in wages—were the Eastern railways. They are giving furloughs to 59,000 men employed in transporting coal. The shut-down began without incident on the first shift. Only supervisory personnel and maintenance crews, who keep the water pumps and ventilating systems in working order, showed up.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S WARNING NOTE

(Continued from Page 1)

Observers in Rhodes today were uneasy over the prospects of a flare-up in the Palestine war. They regarded the Iraqi-held central sector as a danger spot.

The area based on the Arab triangle formed by Tulkarm, Nablus and Jenin, is not covered by any cease fire agreement.

The agreement reached at Rhodes last week between Israel and Transjordan stops at the southernmost point of the triangle, where the Iraqi-held area begins.

Tension in this area has been rising rapidly in the past few days and the Israelis have complained of "cuttle raids" from the triangle into their territory. They threaten reprisals. United Nations observers are investigating. Israel charges that Arab reinforcements have poured into the triangle.—Reuter.

China Situation Latest

(Continued from Page 1)

did not want to give the impression that he should be rewarded with an official position for the recent peace mission to North China, which resulted in the resumption of postal and shipping services.

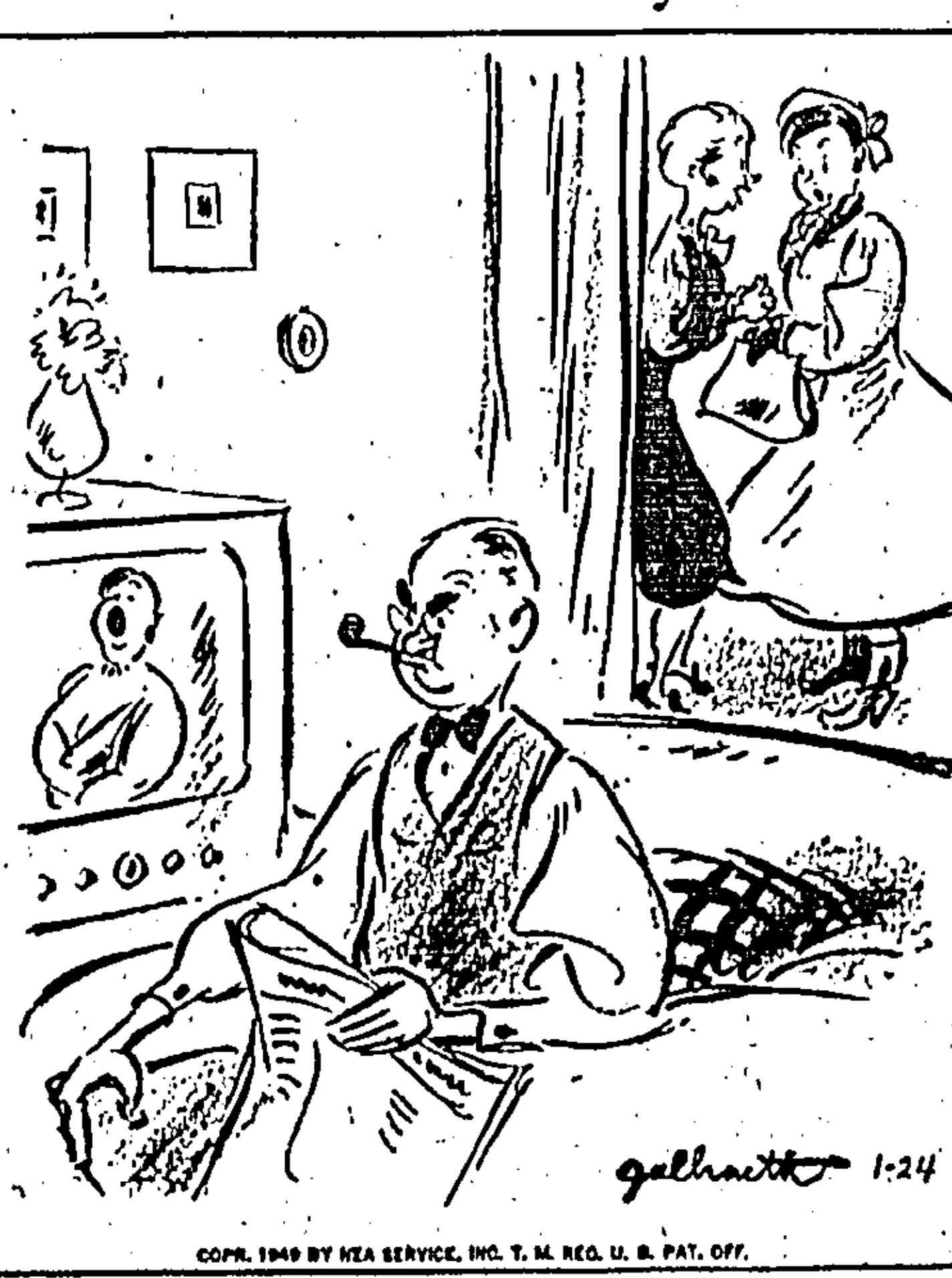
Mr. Kiang Wang, however, said he would help General Ho's Government in a private capacity.

The third member of the Shanghai delegation, Mr. Chang Shu-chao, was reported to have agreed to taking the portfolio of Judicial Administration.

The Young China Party leaders, Mr. Tso Shun-sheng and Mr. Li Huang, postponed a decision on whether to join General Ho Ying-chin's Cabinet or not until the party's Central Executive Committee had discussed the matter.

General Ho was scheduled to leave last night by train for Nanking.—Reuter.

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Programme Summary: 6.01, Ted Heath and His Orchestra with Paul Carpenter (Voice) (BBC); 6.30, Cantoneses by Radio Given by Miss Lee Wan Lai & S. L. Leo (Studio); 6.50, Benny Carter and His Orchestra; 7. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, "See You" Talks on Sport (Studio); 7.25, Interlude; 7.50, "Down Memory Lane" Presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); "From the Editor's Desk" (Hong Kong Relay); 8.10, "Nothing but Music" (Studio); 8.15, "Queen's Hall Light Orchestra" (ORSO); 8.45, Selections from Operas "30 Questions" (Studio); 9.00, "The Goodwin Bands" A Feature Programme (BBC); 9.10, Radio News Hour (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.18, Chamber Music Festival; Sonata No 3 in D Minor, Op 100

Democrats Move Headquarters

Shanghai, Mar. 14.—The Chinese Communist Radio announced today that the Headquarters of the Democratic League has been officially removed from Hongkong to Peking. It said that a temporary working committee has been working in Peking since February 5.

Outlawed by the Nationalists, the Democrats League has been active in Hongkong since October 27, 1947.—United Press.

(Dramas) Joseph Seligson, (Violin) and Egon Petri, (Piano); 10.40, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seeded Players Eliminated In Junior Matches

By "SIDELINER"

The Colony Open Badminton Championships entered their third week of play when six matches were decided at the Victoria Recreation Club last evening, the programme being featured by two upsets in the Junior Men's Division.

In the Singles, W. C. Chung, last year's runners-up in the Junior Men's Singles and seeded No. 1 in the present tournament, lost to his clubmate and doubles partner D. C. Lau 15-8, 15-11.

In the Junior Men's Doubles H. F. Tai & W. N. Cheung combined brilliantly to overcome the seeded pair, P. Wong & S. C. Chan, 15-9, 15-7.

The Senior Men's Doubles found the favourites for this year's title, Robert Tay & Patrick Wong, taking three hard-fought games to subdue their YMCA clubmates, Raymon Young & Bill Funk, the score was: 16-6, 12-15, 15-7.

The match saw many fast and brilliant rallies with all four concentrating on the forecourt. Tay & Wong outshone their opponents with vigorous smashes but it was Funk who delighted with his clever placement shots and drops. Young made several spectacular cross-court drops at the net but was inclined to be wild in the smashing exchanges.

The first set saw Tay & Wong run into a 4-2 lead through Young's over-eagerness. Then, by carefully controlling their smashes, Young and Funk led 6-4. At this stage Tay began a one-man attack and his smashes found the baseline again and again.

Wong gave his partner great support at the net and the pair won eight points in a row. Young then won two points with excellently executed cross-court drops which left Tay & Wong looking helplessly on. Tay regained mastery and won the next three points for the set at 15-8.

The second set saw Funk relying more on powerful smashes than power smashes and, with Young finding his touch, Tay & Wong never got a look in.

Their hardest smashes were returned and, though they levelled the score at 12-12, Funk won three more points on his service to force the playing of the deciding game.

With Young misfiring again, the third set found Tay & Wong leading 10-2. Fighting hard, Funk & Young brought the score to 10-7 by carefully placing their shots, forcing Tay to net his smashes and drops.

However, the effort to close the gap in the score proved too much for them and their strokes went off when Tay, again, let loose with his smashing attack from the baseline and the deciding set went to Tay & Wong 15-7.

JUNIOR MEN'S SINGLES
D. C. Lau showed remarkable form in his match with W. C. Chung, his lobbing, smashing and placing being a treat to see. His greater repertoire of strokes told out in the end.

Trailing 4-8, Lau began to force the pace with powerful overhead smashes and accurate drops to the back of the court which proved too much for Chung, who lost the next 11 points to concede the set.

In the second game, Lau continued to hit with tremendous power, forcing Chung into many errors of judgment. Though Chung levelled the score at 11-11 by alternating drives with short lobs, he failed to hold the brilliant Lau who, using all the strokes at his command, ran out the set and match at 15-11.

Another Junior Men's Singles match saw J. A. Soares just manage to turn the tables on M. Kempton after three sets—10-15, 19-15, 15-12. Both players were seen at their best in the first set.

Kempton's smashing was nothing if not superb. After winning the first set, Kempton had the match within his grasp when he led 13-7 in the second. But Soares staged a grand recovery and drew level. Kempton began to tire and Soares' superior stamina pulled him through to the next round.

LADIES' DOUBLES
Mrs L. F. Stokes & Miss Adie Tamworth proved too good for the two sisters, Miss Bernadine Remedios & Miss Therese Remedios, winning 15-9, 15-8. Both Mrs Stokes and Mrs Tamworth alternated playing at the net and both were prominent with their smashes and drops from all parts of the

court. Miss Bernadine Remedios played a grand game in the backcourt but she failed to stem the tide against the better KCC combination.

LADIES' SINGLES
Miss Margaret Xavier proved last night she is a serious contender for the Ladies' Singles title when she easily defeated Miss Helen Kwong 11-6, 11-3.

She showed an all-round command of strokes besides perfect match temperament and her coverage of the court left little to be desired.

Miss Helen Kwong put up a plucky fight against her more experienced opponent, though she failed to match her opponent's command of strokes and was inclined to be erratic at critical points.

JUNIOR MEN'S DOUBLES
Second upset of the evening was when H. F. Tai and W. N. Cheung beat the seeded pair, P. Wong and S. C. Chan, 15-9, 15-7. Tai and Cheung were definitely the pick of the two pairs last evening.

Cheung's smashing from the rear court coupled with Tai's fine performance at the net would have beaten any other Junior pair last night.

Wong was inclined to be erratic while his partner failed to give his usual polished performance at the net.

Both Tai and Cheung concentrated their attack on Chan and used his deadly overhead smash.

THE RESULTS
Results of the Badminton Open Championship matches played last evening are:
Junior Men's Doubles—H. F. Tai & W. N. Cheung beat P. Wong & S. C. Chan 15-9, 15-7.

Junior Men's Singles—D. C. Lau beat W. C. Chung 15-8, 15-11. J. A. Soares beat M. Kempton 10-15, 19-15, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles—Mrs L. F. Stokes & Miss Adie Tamworth beat Miss Bernadine Remedios & Miss Therese Remedios 15-9, 15-8.

Century v. MCC

Capetown, Mar. 14.—B. Crews, Capetown University all-rounder, celebrated his birthday here today with a century against the MCC.

It was largely due to his efforts that the Combined Universities were able to score 200 for 8 wickets in the first innings total of 477 by the MCC.

Crews was run out for 104 in the closing minutes of play. Going in when two wickets were down for 50, Crews flogged the MCC spin attack of Jenkins, Wright and Compston and raced to his 50 in 33 minutes on the slow pitch.

Crews put on 88 with Elley (50) for the third wicket and was helped by Blirrell (50) in a fourth wicket stand of 102. With four men out for 240, Wright and Palmer brought about a minor collapse, the next four Universities' wickets falling for 20 runs.—Reuter.

KCC 2nd XI

The KCC second eleven will meet the RN Dockyard in a friendly cricket match on the Navy ground, King's Park, next Saturday, starting at 2 o'clock. The KCC will be represented by S. A. Gray (Capt.), E. A. Hancock, S. C. Trueman, E. G. Matthews, D. G. White, W. H. Cowie, R. Leigh, G. R. Roselle, E. Guest, and C. Langston-Jones.

Manila Interport

A meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at 6.15 p.m. tomorrow to select the Manila Interport team.

B. Remedios & Miss T. Remedios 15-9, 15-8.
Ladies' Singles—Miss Margaret Xavier beat Miss H. Kwong 11-6, 11-3.

Senior Men's Doubles—H. F. Tai & W. N. Cheung beat P. Wong & S. C. Chan 15-9, 15-7.

TONIGHT'S GAMES
Tonight's games at the Kowloon Cricket Club are:
7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): R. M. Soares and J. A. Soares v L. Pomeroy and G. Roza Pereira.

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): C. H. Ngan v K. P. Chong.
8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss M. Leong and Miss A. Heah v Miss T. Baptista and Miss Margie Xavier.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): A. J. Gonsalves and Miss L. Silva v S. Guttinger and Miss M. Bain.
9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss I. Soares and Miss Y. Franco v Miss H. Kwong and Miss H. P. Lam.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): E. M. Rozario and J. A. Motta v F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues.

COLONY TENNIS

One-Sided Matches

The strong combination of Ip Koon-hung and Lee Wai-tong, contenders for the doubles title, disposed of the veteran Ho Ka-lau and Pang Oi-lam at Chater Road yesterday. They won in two straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, to enter the next round of the Colony Open Doubles Championship.

Slight rain at the end of the first set caused a brief postponement.

On resumption, Ho and Pang made a great effort and managed to take the first game, but thereafter Ip and Lee came into their own and, asserting themselves, took the next six games in a row. Ho and Pang annexed only one point in the last three games.

Pang was the better of the losing pair, while Lee was responsible for some clever net play which had the losers beaten on nearly every occasion. Ip put over some splendid spin service which garnered several points.

On another Court, Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui did not have much trouble in defeating a lottery and memorable experience for the half million or so who come from the four quarters of Britain every year to see the thrill of a massed start and all the other dramatic episodes of this century-old panorama of horse racing.

OTHER RESULTS

HKCC Singles
B.T.M. Jones beat G.B. Smart, 6-3, 6-1.
P.H. Bonnerman beat A. Furrer, 6-1, 6-1.
R. Segalen beat Dr. H. Meyer, 6-4, 6-4.

TODAY'S GAMES

COLONY OPEN DOUBLES
Court 1: F.M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues v Tsui brothers.
Court 2: Lee Yue-wing and Wong Shui-wing v Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip.

Club Singles
Court 3: J.D. Mackie v D. Nolan.
Court 4: B.T.M. Jones v P. H. Bonnerman.

Court 5: J.B. Hawthorn v R. Segalen.
Court 6: J.L.C. Pearce v M. Hecan.

AFTER THE BATTLE



Referee Walter Cho (left) raises the hand of smiling Manuel Ortiz after the world's bantamweight boxing champion handed Honolulu's Dado Marino (right) a beating in their 15 round championship fight at Honolulu on March 1.

AP Wirephoto.

Grand National Winners & Story Book Careers

By WALTER PILKINGTON

The Lincolnshire Handicap on March 19 will usher in a new season for horse racing in Britain. The popularity of this one mile sprint last year has attracted a new record field. One week after the Lincoln comes the climax of the National Hunt season, the Grand National at Aintree racecourse, Liverpool. The most popular of the winter jumps, it shares world fame with the Derby, at Epsom in June.

As in the last three years, there is a huge entry list for the National. The handicapper had to deal with no fewer than 53 horses. Nearly one third were put on bottom weight. Most of the prominent jumpers of the post-war period have entered, including the best priced winner for some years, Lovely Cottage, and the Irish horse, Caughoo, which won at a hundred to one in 1947.

Notable absentee is that grand veteran, Prince Regent, which finished third three years ago. Subsequently it carried too much weight to have a real chance. Its owner, cinema magnate J. Arthur Rank, has yet to realise his dream of winning this great race. The Prince was bought for 200 guineas by a Mr. Nelson Dixon, who lost his life in Britain's Royal Navy on war service. The rest of Bricett's story is a romance. Sold by auction he made only nine guineas. Then he was badly injured in a falling jump. He was put out to grass and forgotten. Finally he was given away to jockey Tim Malony. Bricett was not fit to race again until 1945. Sent to England the following year, he won a three-mile race and found a purchaser at £2,500. He has never looked back.

STORY BOOK CAREERS
There are many similar instances of story book careers. Mac Moffat, twice runner up in the Grand National, cost his owner only £70. Revelry cost £10,000 but once changed hands for a mere £28. Renard was once exchanged for three sacks of oats. Even the peer of modern steeplechasers, Prince Regent, was first purchased for 340 guineas. He became worth many times this sum. The moral has been pointed in an old English saying—never look a gift horse in the mouth.

The object of the Grand National is to test the stamina and jumping ability of the best steeplechasers, at weights which give each horse an equal chance. The formidable nature of the fences unflinchingly overcomes the majority.

There are 14 thorn fences, including the feared Canal turn, Valentine's Brook, and that graveyard of hundreds of Nations' hopes through the years, Becher's Brook. This is not the highest jump or the widest.

The third jump is an inch higher and equally wide, with a six feet ditch to take on the far side. One of the jumpers' quickest—15-feet leap and the waterway itself is over 12 feet wide. But Becher's Brook always brings more horses to grief than any other obstacle.

All the fences have to be jumped twice. Unfortunately, perhaps, there are always plenty of runners, and much interference in consequence from loose and fallen horses. It is not surprising that few finish. Some years ago I saw a gallant horse fall to win, through being hampered on the last fence by a riderless horse.

Two or three years ago Prince Regent, then the favourite, had a similar experience and failed to make up the lost distance on the 494 yards run in. It is all part of the great gamble which makes the Grand National both a lottery and memorable experience for the half million or so who come from the four quarters of Britain every year to see the thrill of a massed start and all the other dramatic episodes of this century-old panorama of horse racing.

CALLED A LOTTERY

Little wonder it is called a lottery. In 16 races in the last 20 years the odds have only once been below ten to one. That was in 1934, when renowned Golden Miller, seven-year-old and carrying the top weight of over 12 stone, came in first at eight to one.

Tipperary Tim, Gragalah and Caughoo provided a bookmakers' paradise by winning when 100 to one outsiders. Forbra and Sheila's Cottage made fortunes for their backers at half that price. When the best jumpers unaccountably fail it is not surprising that punters habitually plunge on outside chances.

It is therefore not without significance that the first Grand National in 1839 was won by a horse called Lottery. In those days the race was for gentlemen or amateur riders only. It was a sweep-stake of £10 each, with £80 added.

Today the added money is £5,000, and it costs £10 to enter, with an ultimate liability of £100. For the first time all horses carried 12 stone. The race had become a handicap when in 1847 professional jockeys were allowed to compete for what has become the world's blue ribbon of steeplechasing.

Britain's sportsmen being romantic, many thousands hope

to see Lord Mildmay successful in this year's bid for glory. He has long been a popular figure in National Hunt racing. His unencumbered ambition is to win the Grand National. He nearly did so on Davey Jones. He was winning, when the reins broke in his gallop to the final fence. Last year he finished third, on Cromwell. Again he might have won if an injury had not forced him to ride with an arm strapped to his side.

Lord Mildmay is 41, a typical sporting peer. He has ridden in the Grand National since 1933. Good luck to him this spring!

VICTORIA CLUB CALLOVER

Fair Judgment New Favourite For Lincolnshire

London, Mar. 14.—Fair Judgment was made the favourite for the Lincolnshire Handicap when the card on the "Spring Double" was called over at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Now quoted at 19 to 2, the Newmarket-trained four-year-old is reported to have done a splendid gallop over the week-old Sena Tara.

Following his victory in a three-mile steeplechase at Windsor on Saturday, Lord Mildmay's Cromwell became a firm favourite at 9 to 1 for the Grand National.

QUOTATIONS

Lincolnshire
Tonight's quotations were:
19 to 2 Fair Judgment.
100 to 1 Drunkard.
18 to 1 Mister Lovell.

22 to 1 Patchouly and Royal Tara.
25 to 1 Crown Flatts, Star Signal and Romano.
23 to 1 Speciality.
33 to 1 Bright Paul, Lord Nelson, Philadelphia, Red Pippin, Sena Tara.

40 to 1 Queue Up, Tetra Shah and Yellow Idol.

Grand National
9 to 1 Cromwell.
20 to 1 Clericarrig.

22 to 1 Happy Home, Rol Mond.

25 to 1 Royal Mount, Uster Monarch and Cavaliero.

35 to 1 Rowland Roy.—Reuter.

RUGGER NEEDS A DRESSING UP

SAYS JOHN MACADAM

We haven't finished with the game of Rugby, and please don't think it for a minute for, what with one thing and another, and the colossal complacency that surrounds this game-for-game's sake, we are spurred to break once more into the breach, dear friends.

It has been said before, and we have no apology to make for repeating it, that Rugby football should be played on a more competitive and much less casual basis.

Colleague Pat Marshall, who has played the game boy and man and still wishes it with his boyhood enthusiasm, repudiates our original suggestion of a Rugby Union Championship conducted on Football League lines, but sees the potentiality of a knock-out competition based on the counties.

The counties would find a champion aptly in the early part of the season and then, in the latter part of the season, in the midst of all the traditional fixtures the clubs love to fix for themselves, there could be a K.O. competition rather like the Soccer Cup.

It would do no harm, he agrees, and would put a bit into the game which it certainly hasn't got at the moment; more than that, it would put a bit of class into the England selection, that hasn't been able to find a winning side for nearly two years.

LOSING APPEAL

And now, here's our old friend, Major John Evans, one of the honorary secretaries of the Rugby Football Club, to agree in principle, if not in detail.

"The time has come," he says with the Walrus, "when we must face up to the fact that Rugby is losing its appeal.... Soccer has a competitive appeal that Rugby lacks—take away leagues and cup and see the effect on Soccer!"

"As it is, thousands will watch a watery game of Third Division Soccer while only hundreds will watch a full-blooded first-class Rugby match in a neighbouring field."

Major Evans, an enthusiast for Rugby football, is not content to keep to tradition and watch the game die a natural death and he has two major suggestions to make: he will dress Ruggers up a little by cutting out stoppages, and he will utilize the watchers by introducing some form of competition that is lacking at the moment, this being where you came in.

WEMBLEY MODEL

The gallant major (he got himself a DSO in the war, as a matter of fact) isn't prepared at this stage to state what law revisions he would make, but any student of Rugby League football would be prepared to bring you news, and if we happen to be located in the South there is the Wembley Rugby League Final to be regarded as a model—if you are lucky.

But he is prepared to say that the leading dozen clubs in each county should play each other at home and away, and use up the better part of 24 of their 40-odd games a season. There would still be plenty of dates for invitations and tours.

He has plenty of ideas on a projection of county championships into area championships and can you imagine Cardiff and Waterloo at Twickenham!



Ramsey Bucks To Fight Bob Pulling

Boxing fans will have an opportunity shortly of seeing Bob Pulling, of the Royal Navy, and Inter-Services Welter and Middle-weight Champion in Hong Kong, matched against Ramsey Bucks, the Lightweight Champion of Hongkong and Shanghai, over six rounds.

Pulling holds the following championships:
R.N.V.R.—Champion of Great Britain: Featherweight Division 1937; Lightweight Division 1938. South Division Champion of Great Britain: Lightweight Division 1938. Mediterranean Fleet Champion: Lightweight 1941/2. Inter-Services Welter and Middle-weight Champion, Hongkong, 1947/8.

Rumour is that this will be Pulling's last fight in the Colony. He is 33 years old, and he will be leaving the Hongkong station in June 1949.

Charities Strike A Double

Philadelphia, Mar. 14.—Jack Kramer and Bobby Riggs, the two top professional tennis players, today settled a US\$25,000 damage suit against them by agreeing to play in tournaments sponsored by the "Philadelphia Inquirer Charities" for the next few years.

Damages were sought by Inquirer Charities for admission fees it allegedly lost when Riggs did not appear in the 1948 tournament.

In settling the suit, Kramer, world's pro champion, agreed to play in five Inquirer Charities tennis tournaments for the next three years, while Riggs, former champion, agreed to play for the next five years.—United Press.

League Cricket Averages

BATTING:

	Inn.	N.O.	Runs	H.S.	Aver.
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	17	0	498	62	49.27
A. M. Prata (Recreio)	14	6	387	85	43.00
L. F. Stokes (Scorpions)	10	2	593	110	42.35
J. M. Gosano (University)	14	3	417	122	37.00
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	12	0	213	39	35.50
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	11	1	320	55	33.00
R. W. Fenlon (Optimists)	14	3	358	91	32.54
Major A. R. Dave (Army)	13	3	309	78	30.90
L. D. Kilbee (Optimists)	14	2	345	85	28.75
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	14	4	284	79	28.40
G. A. Souza Craigenower	15	4	270	49	25.09
N. R. Oliver (Optimists)	15	0	309	64	24.00
O. J. Kerr (Scorpions)	12	3	203	57	22.55
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	12	2	210	71	21.00
L. C. G. Blair (RAF)	14	2	253	56	21.08
L. G. Gosano (Recreio)	15	1	251	01	17.92
G. T. Rowe (Optimists)	13	0	224	47	17.23
D. Chelliah (University)	14	1	222	56	17.07
A. Zimmer (KCC)	16	6	204	42	16.50
Maj. C. R. Murray-Brown (Army)	15	2	200	52	15.94
N. Hart-Baker (CCC)	14	0	210	00	15.57

• Not Out. Qualification: 200 runs.

BOWLING:

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Cpl Hart (Royal Navy)	81	20	204	27	7.55
Gnr D. Banton (Army)	154.6	40	389	60	7.78
L/Cpl J. Jones (Army)	70.4	15	215	27	7.98
Dr. E. L. Gosano (Recreio)	101.3	57	350	45	8.44
J. C. Koh (University)	110.4	13	419	47	8.91
A/C D. Graham (RAF)	69	10	208	23	9.04
A. P. Pereira (Recreio)	230.4	52	670	70	9.57
Li A. Stepto (Army)	135.2	25	411	42	9.78
T. A. Pearce (Scorpions)	65	5	278	27	10.29
G. N. Gosano (Recreio)	103.3	22	287	28	10.60
F. Howarth (Scorpions)	213.1	50	678	63	10.90
Cpl. A. Hodgson (RAF)	109.2	24	328	29	11.31
D. McEllan (Optimists)	75.1	8	270	23	11.73
T. P. Mahon (Optimists)	108.5	35	504	46	12.23
CFO L. White (Royal Navy)	103.5	30	500	41	12.19
R. E. Lee (KCC)	144.1	24	420	32	13.12
F/O E. N. Gambrell (RAF)	132	27	383	30	12.70
T. H. Lean (University)	178.5	29	673	45	13.32
P. J. Billmoria (CCC)	109.2	24	305	25	13.04
A. L. Smith (IRC)	103.5	17	347	24	14.45
A. L. Smith (Optimists)	107.5	20	340	24	14.54
A. el Arculli, Jr (IRC)	152	35	501	30	14.73
H. Owen-Hughes (Scorpions)	90.4	12	301	22	13.68
S. M. Fels (University)	100	22	524	34	15.41
T. Crabtree (Crailgenows)	217.4	40	683	39	17.51

Qualifications: 20 wickets.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

tion to China for the purchase of wheat and flour in the areas.—United Press.

